

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1 and canceled the remainder of the claims without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

From the Applicant's review of the Final Office Action, it appears that the Examiner has had some objections to the specification and the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the submissions made with the prior response of Applicant has overcome these objections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over each of Brizzolari et al. (I), Brizzolari et al. (II), Dunn, Rajaiah et al. (I-II), Little et al., Brockbank et al. and Ayon-Covarrubias.

In reply thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that none of these references, taken together or in combination, shows the particular combination of Applicant's invention as claimed by claim 1, nor that this particular combination is more effective than each of the combination taken alone.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by or, in the alternative, obvious over each one of the references cited by the Examiner, taken singly or in combination.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a one month extension of time so as to respond to the Final Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$55.00 as the fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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